

Local Employment Dynamics Partnership Annual Workshop
Tentative Agenda
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Generational Differences in the Workplace

Older workers in the workplace are not retiring as they once were. What does it mean? What are the needs for research and data to understand this developing trend in the workplace? Do they have implications on the younger workers in the workplace? Are there policy implications? Local Employment Dynamics (LED) is a new data source that can help to promote understanding of the older workers and the generational differences in the workplace.

Aligning Workforce and Economic Information

Workforce development plays a critical role in creating effective regional economic development strategies. Local Employment Dynamics (LED) data align workforce and economic information beyond the traditional boundaries of counties or metropolitan areas. They can help Employment and Training Administration's efforts to transform the workforce investment systems, as well as refining regional economic accounts and economic areas by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Federal Data Landscape

The economy continues to be full of dynamics and rapid change. Local Employment Dynamics (LED) is emerging as an innovative 21st century federal statistical system that can provide timely information about this kind of economy, maximizing the utility of existing data and using the data assets efficiently while minimizing the burden and cost of information collection and fully preserving the confidentiality of its micro data. Where does LED fit in the vast federal data landscape, especially in times of tight budget constraints? Where does it go from here?

OnTheMap in Action and the Next Version

Since its inaugural release in February 2006, OnTheMap has expanded to 42 states with cross-state patterns, 2002-2004 data, and modular geographical layers. From the direct web-based application to the origin-destination data that can be downloaded by users, OnTheMap can already provide timely impact assessments in the aftermath of emergency situations such as tornadoes, bridge collapse, and wildfires. What more can we expect from the next version of OnTheMap, scheduled for release in the Fall of 2008?

LED Means Business

Business today is looking for dynamic new information that helps benchmark themselves against others in their region and/or geographic area when it comes to important issues like new hire wages, turnover, and separation. Employers are also making more informed choices about site location and where they can find skilled workers that are within their commuting area. Hear what representatives of the business world have to say about the potential and power of LED.

The Role of LED in Labor Market Information

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LED Nuts and Bolts

In addition to the web-based applications, the LED website contains many nuts and bolts that can come in very handy. For example, what does a new state partner do after signing the official agreement? How can a state partner find out what the production status is? From where can a state (or a user) electronically download the Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI)? What on earth are “skinning” and SITCON? Where is the Cornell Virtual RDC? What is the latest e-Learning tool called LED Coach? What has the LED Steering Committee been up to?

Audit Report Implementation

LED data must be timely and of top quality. Data quality starts from the origin and counts every step of the way. Through the LED Steering Committee, the Census Bureau and the LED state partners have jointly refined standard operating procedures to ensure timely file delivery. Audit reports have now been designed and pilot-tested. What are the findings? How can the remaining state partners help? When can the reports be systematically implemented with the rest of LED state partners?

LED Enhancements

In addition to the development of OnTheMap Version 3 and the integration of federal employment data in 2008, LED has completed the research phase of integrating the self-employed data. What have we learned? The number of LED state partners has grown to 46 and is still increasing. How is the production of Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) keeping up? Are the days of using the suppression method limited? We will hear answers to some of these questions and the latest development of synthetic modeling for the QWIs.

State and Local Best Practices/Analysis

State and local partners and data users are pushing workforce and economic intelligence to a higher level of research and analysis. LED is an important part of that, ranging from use of QWI to OnTheMap to focusing on industries. Hear about best practices regarding state and local analysis.